

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. ~~(previously presented)~~ (currently amended) A bicomponent fiber comprising at least three thermoplastic polymers, wherein a mixture of at least two of the polymers have an interfacial tension from 0.5 to 20 mN/m, different viscosities and the mixture comprises a portion of the fiber surface and where at least one of the polymers in the mixture is a polyolefin continuous phase.
2. ~~(previously presented)~~ (currently amended) The bicomponent fiber of Claim 1 wherein the mixture has a viscosity ratio of from 1.5 to 10, or a viscosity ratio of from 0.1 down to 0.05.
3. ~~(currently amended)~~ (currently amended) A fiber comprising a mixture of at least two thermoplastic polymers each having different viscosities and wherein the mixture has an interfacial tension from 0.5 to 20 mN/m, ~~and~~ wherein the mixture comprises a portion of the fiber surface, wherein the fiber is a bicomponent fiber and where at least one of the thermoplastic polymers is a polyolefin continuous phase.
4. The fiber of Claim 3 wherein the ratio of the viscosity of the first thermoplastic polymer to the viscosity of the second thermoplastic polymer is from 1.5 up to 10, or from 0.1 down to 0.05.
5. (cancelled)
6. ~~(currently amended)~~ (currently amended) The fiber of claim ~~5-3~~ wherein the bicomponent fiber is of the sheath core form.
7. ~~(previously presented)~~ (previously presented) The fiber of claim 6 wherein the mixture comprises the sheath.
8. ~~(previously presented)~~ (previously presented) The fiber of claim 7 wherein the sheath comprises less than 20 percent by volume.
9. ~~(currently amended)~~ (currently amended) The fiber of claim 1 wherein the polyolefin continuous phase mixture comprises is a matrix polymer and the mixture further comprises a dispersed polymer.
10. ~~(previously presented)~~ (previously presented) The fiber of claim 6 wherein the core comprises a propylene polymer.

11. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 6 wherein the core comprises homopolymer propylene polymer.
12. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 9 wherein the matrix polymer has a melting point at least 10°C or less than a melting point of the dispersed polymer.
13. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 9 wherein the matrix polymer has a melting point and the dispersed polymer is amorphous and has a glass transition temperature  $\leq 10^\circ\text{C}$  than the melting point of the matrix polymer.
14. (currently amended) The fiber of claim 9 wherein the matrix polymer in the sheath and the material which comprises the core each have viscosity within about 30 percent from each other.
15. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 3 wherein the mixture has a viscosity  $\leq 170$  Pa.s at 100 1/s at 250°C.
16. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 9 wherein the dispersed polymer is in particulate form, having an average thickness larger than 1 micron.
17. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 16 wherein the sheath has a thickness smaller than that of the particle.
18. (currently amended) A bicomponent fiber comprising a mixture of at least two thermoplastic polymers wherein the mixture comprises a dispersed polymer and a matrix polymer comprising a polyolefin continuous phase, wherein the dispersed polymer exists in particulate form having a size larger than 1 micron and comprises a portion of the fiber surface.
19. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 18 wherein the dispersed particulate forms irregularities on the fiber surface.